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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Brig. Gen. John Martin, 18 December,
regarding Covert Satellites

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REFERENCE: -3834-63, dated 16 December 1963

1. General Martin called me late in the day, 18 December, to ask if Col. Ledford had briefed me on the substance of his discussions on 6 December with DNRO regarding the so-called covert satellites. I told General Martin I had indeed been informed by Col. Ledford, much along the lines of paragraph 2. of reference.

2. General Martin said although he had not been at the 6 December meeting, he was calling to make certain that the Director, Program B understood that it was the wish of the DNRO that no funds be obligated against covert satellite tasks until the review requested by DNRO on the part of Programs A and B had been completed, and Dr. McMillan had had an opportunity to review the work statements. General Martin was specific in saying that "none of the approximately available in this line item should be obligated without the review suggested above." I subsequently so advised the Deputy for Technology and Chief, Programs Staff.

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